

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010***

Present: Selectmen Wes Moore, Rosanne Gilbert, and Michael Woodworth. Others present included: Larry Shaw, Building Inspector; Fran Lane; Town Counsel, Chief Reed, Marie Poole, and Noah Tremblay.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Moore.

Larry Shaw gave an update on the progress at 34 Railroad Avenue. The firewall is in the process of being installed, the lights are up, and the rails are up on Building A. As there was no access to Building B, it was not inspected inside. The Fire Chief will choose the location of the fire extinguishers and the landlord agreed with this. Two weeks ago Larry, Chief Reed, and Noah Tremblay inspected Building B and did not find any water on the floor. A final inspection has not been completed, but Larry expects to do so within the next couple of weeks. In the future, the owners will notify Larry Shaw of any new tenants. Larry will notify the Fire Chief and the Planning Board, if necessary.

The meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, III meeting with counsel at 6:18pm. The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:40pm. Rosanne Gilbert left the meeting due to a personal obligation.

Chief Reed advised that Officer McAulay's last day will be March 13th as he has accepted a position with another Police Department. It looks like Chief Reed has someone to take Officer McAulay's place, but the prospect will require 16 weeks of training.

Marie Poole and Noah Tremblay met with the Selectmen as requested. Noah explained that he cannot get into Building B until the tenant leaves. The outside work on Building B has been completed and the inside needs a fire extinguisher and light installed.

Building A is currently being worked on – the beams are being wrapped with fireproof material. Both buildings should be ready for inspection by the end of next week.

Marie and Noah were advised that if the Building Inspector gives them a Certificate of Occupancy there will be no need for them to meet with the Selectmen.

Wes made a motion to re-appoint the following residents for three year terms as follows:

1. Raymond LaBranche – Conservation Commission
2. Lauren Hill – Conservation Commission
3. Steven Shope – Conservation Commission

4. Steven Coes – Board of Adjustment
5. Larry Shaw – Building Inspector
6. David Sweet – Board of Adjustment
7. John Hayden – Planning Board

Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. Wes and Michael then signed the appointments. Michael apologized for his handwriting – he is signing with his left hand as he broke his right wrist.

A Town Hall Rental Agreement was signed. One Elderly Exemption Application was signed. One Application For Exemption – Residence In An Industrial Or Commercial Zone was signed.

Correspondence from the Rockingham Planning Commission was reviewed.

The Speads of Brentwood forwarded a 1897 Town Report to the Newfields Town Office for our records. The real estate value of the town in 1897 was \$208,715.00 and the tax rate was \$1.90 per \$100.00. Thank you to the Spead family for sending the Town Report to us.

Correspondence from Local Union No. 633 of New Hampshire was reviewed.

Correspondence from the Attorney General, Department of Justice was reviewed. The Board was informed that the Trustees of the Trust Funds have taken the necessary action.

It was determined that the Town does not have a CERT team and has no plans of forming one at this time.

Main Street Art sent an update on the progress of work at 75 Main Street.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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